I

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new Members were sworn in :—

1. Mr. Cecil Bernard Cotterell, C.I.E., I.C.S.
2. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. Sadasiva Ayyar, *Kt.*
3. M.R.Ry. P. Venkataramana Rao Nayudu Garu.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Assignment of Lands.

Disafforested land in Kudiramoli reserve in Tinnevelly.

* 2275 *Q.*—Mr. A. Chidambara Nadar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the disafforested land in Kudiramoli reserve in Tinnevelly district will be disposed of ;

(*b*) whether the Government have come to any final settlement as to the method of disposal—either by auction or under darkhast rules ;

(*c*) whether any petition has been recently submitted to the Government on the matter by the village panchayat of Kachinavelai , and

(*d*) whether the petition submitted by the Hakudar of Tiruparantheeswarar temple as to the land on which palmyra trees belonging to the temple are standing has been disposed of ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not in possession of the information.

(*b*) The method of disposing of the land is under the rules within the discretion of the Collector, and the Government do not propose to interfere in the matter.

(*c*) A petition was received by Government. It was transferred to the Collector for disposal.

(*d*) No petition has been received from the Hakudar of Tiruparantheeswarar temple.